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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

WILKES COUNTY, N. C.,

October 24 and 25,

1924

ELDER G. W. MILES, Moderator, - Miles, N. C.
A. C. SIDDEN, Sec.-Treas., - Joynes, N. C.

The next session will be held with Round Mountain church, near Mountain View College, Hays P. O., Wilkes county, N. C., to commence on Friday, at 11 o'clock A. M., before the fourth Sunday in October 1925.

Elder D. M. Dillard to preach the Introductory Sermon.
Elder A. C. Walker, Alternate.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convened with Center Church October 24, 1924.

Introductory song: Amazing Grace. Elder H. A. Adams read fourth chapter of Hebrews for an opening lesson. Song No 5 in Primitive Hymns. Prayer by Elder H. A. Adams. Introductory sermon by Elder H. A. Adams. Text, 2nd Cor. 5: 14: Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Elder Adams showed much zeal for the Primitive cause and admonished all Christians to be sure they don't yoke up with unbelief. Elder Miles followed with some timely remarks on the same subject.

Intermission of 15 minutes.

Delegates re-assembled in the church.

Opening song: How Firm a Foundation. Hymn No. 452 in Primitive Hymn Book. Prayer by Elder G. W. Miles.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

1st Called for associational letters, when 15 were handed in, read, and on motion delegates seated.

2 Invited newly constituted churches, or any regular Baptist church of the same faith and order, to unite with us. None came.

3 On motion Elder G. W. Miles and A. C. Sidden were elected Moderator and Secretary by a rising vote.

4 Invited correspondents of the same faith and order to sit with us, when letters were handed in, read, and the correspondents given the right hand of welcome, Viz.:—

From Mountain Union, Elder M. C. Powers and Bro. H. Pope.

From Blue Ridge, Elder David Roten.

From Little River, Elder Wiley Combs, Brethren John M. Jennings, C. H. Higgins and F. H. Jennings.

5 On motion correspondents seated.

6 Invited transients and visitors of the same faith and order to sit with us. None came.

7 On motion the Moderator be authorized to make all temporary appointments. The following committees were appointed:

a On Ministry: J. E. Walker, T. N. Royal, and L. Wood, with the delegates of Center church.

b On Finance: T F Harold, Clyde Venable, John A Holloway.

c On Arrangements: H. A. Adams, W H Royal, G W Brown, J C Ellege and J F Waddell. Moderator, Secretary and Correspondents invited to sit with this Committee.

d On Obituaries: A C Sidden, H H Jennings and J T Wiles.

e Sabbath Schools: J M Spicer, J P Brooks and J H. Holbrook.

f On Resolutions: A C Billings, J N Royal and D M Dillard.

g Temperance: W L Wyatt, C C Sidden and J M Owens.

h To write corresponding letters:—
To Mountain Union, E. F. Brown.
To Blue Ridge, C E Dimmette.
To Little River, C C Sidden.
To Mitchell's River, G W Brown.
To Green River, Clyde Venable.

8 Called on the committee on Ministry to report, who reported as follows: For tomorrow, Elder A. C. Walker to open service. To preach; First, Elder David Roten, Cor. from Blue Ridge. Second, Elder M. C. Powers, Cor. from Mountain Union.

9 On motion adjourned until 9: 30 tomorrow.

Song: Am I a Soldier of the Cross. Prayer by Eld. M. C. Powers.

Saturday Morning

Devotional

Song: There is a Fountain Filled with Blood. Prayer by Elder A. C. Walker. Song, Amazing Grace. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Owens.

BUSINESS SESSION

Association called to order by the Moderator.

1 Called on Secretary to call roll and mark absentees.

2 Called on committee on arrangements to report, who handed in a bill covering the business deliberations of the day, which was read

3 On motion dispense with reading Constitution and Rules of Decorum, then on motion received the bill and took up items as they appeared on the bill.

4 Secretary read the Articles of Faith.

5 Extended an invitation to transients, visitors and correspondents to sit with us, when Elder J. W. Walker from the Little River accepted a seat as correspondent. Elders J. A. Hays, McCager Dillard and Bro. Center Brown from Stone Mountain Association accepted seats as visitors.

6. Called on committee on Sabbath Schools to report, who reported as follows:

We your committee on Sabbath Schools advise the churches to organize Sabbath Schools and let all officers be members of the church. Teach the Bible only so the world cannot reproach the glorious work of Christ. We also advise the parents to go with their children to Sabbath School for what other way is better than Sabbath Schools to bring up a child in the way he should go?

J. H. Holbrook, J. M. Spicer, J. P. Brooks, Com.

Remarks by J. H. Holbrook. Report received.

7. Elected A. C. Sidden Treasurer.

8. Called on committee on Temperance to report, who reported as follows: We your committee on Temperance do advise the churches of the Primitive Association to be tempeate in all things as far as the Bible teaches, and to deal fairly with all members who drink to excess, make or sell intoxicating liquors.

Elder J. M. Owens, W. L. Wyatt, C. C. Sidden, Com.

Remarks by Elders A. C. Sidden, J. F. Waddell and M. C. Powers. Report received.

9 Called on committee on Resolutions to report, who reported as follows: We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1st We advise the brethren and sisters to be more prompt in filling their seats on their church meeting days.

2nd We advise our churches to deal with all our members who make public or private sales of any articles on our meeting days, that is calculated to disturb public worship.

3rd. Also to look more carefully after the interests of our Ministers and lend a helpihg hand to all suffering circumstances in your community.

4th. That we pray more for one another and manifest more love toward one an other.

5th. That we thank God for his many blessings toward us, and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kind hospitality during this association.

6th. We also recommend or desire a friendly correspondence with all our sister associations.

Eld. D. M. Dillard
A. C. Billings } Comm.
J. N. Royal

Report received.

10 On motion suspended for preaching.

Hymn No. 396 Primitive Hymns. Service introduced by Elder A. C. Walker, who read St. Luke 10 chapter to 10 verse. Hymn No. 645. Prayer by Eld. A. C. Walker.

First sermon by Eld. David Roten. Text, 2nd Tim. 4:6 "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand."

There was a large congregation present, who listened with breathless attention as Eld. Roten told of the august Paul, in prison, in shipwreck, stoned, beaten with rods, cast down but not forsaken, always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus; after all this as he stood on the brink of departure from time to the unknown beyond, instead of saying I want to die an easy death, by an eye of faith he said: "I am now ready to be offered, I have kept the faith, there is a crown laid up for me."

Second sermon by Eld. M. C. Powers. Text, Heb. 2 1,2 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

To say that this discourse was interesting would be little, it was more. Elder Powers went down into Bible truths and brought out hidden mysteries and presented them to us in a way that will live in our memory and we trust will prove a blessing to us in time and cause others to seek life's better way. Amen.

Remarks by Eld. G. W. Miles.

Resumed business where left off.

11. Called on committee on Finance to report, who reported received from the churches $42.32. Report received.

12. Called on correspondents to report.

Elder A. C. Walker visited the Little River and found the brethren in peace. He was welcomed and given a seat.

The Secretary reported having mailed letters and minutes to all the associations we correspond with. Report received

13. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Mountadn Union to be held with St. Clair's Creek church 6 miles south east of Chilhowie Va., on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1925. A. C. Sidden and Clyde Venable.

To Little River, to be held with New Salem church, 3 miles east of White Head, N. C , to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1925. Elders A. C. Walker, G. W. Miles and A. C. Sidden, Breth. J. N. and G. M. Royal, J. E. Walker and F. C. Arms.

To Blue Ridge, to be held with Poplar Cove church 1 mile of Sherman P. O., to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in October 1925. Elders A. C. Walker, A. C. Sidden, G. W. Miles, and H. A. Adams. Brethren Thomas Perry and T. N. Royal.

To Mitchell's River, Elder A. C. Walker and C. C. Sidden.

To Green River, near Camelsviville P. O., Ky., Charlie Miles and

C. C. Sidden.

14 Called on those to write corresponding letters to report.

Letters handed in. On motion the Secretary is to blend these letters together into one and mail each association that we correspond with a copy.

15 Called on committee on Ministry to report, who reported as follows:

Preachers for to-night.

First, Finley Waddell.

Second, Coy Walker.

Preachers for to-morrow.

First, Wiley Combs.

Second, M. C. Powers.

Third, G. W. Miles.

Report received.

16 Called on Committee on Obituaries to report, when those appearing in these minutes were ordered printed.

17 Called on Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Received from Finance Comm., - -	$42.92	
Balance from last year, - - - - -	7.83	
Total, - - - -	$50.75	
Paid for printing Minutes, - - - .		$25.36
Postage, - - - - - - - -		.90
Secretary's Fees, - - - - -		$10.00
Total, - - -		$36.26
Balance, - -	$14.49	

Report received.

18 On motion we authorize the Secretary to have 800 copies of these minutes printed, after reserving one copy for each church we correspond with, and distribute the remaining according to contribution of each church and allow him $10. for his services.

19 On motion we give our Moderator $10.

20 Comm. appointed to investigate the cause of Fairview not representing last year reported and were excused. The cause was failure to have meeting and prepare a letter.

21 Appointed our next session to convene with Round Mountain Church, near Mountain View college, Wilkes county, N. C. to commence at 11 :00 a. m., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1925. Elder D. M. Dillard to preach the introductory sermon.

Elder A. C. Walker, alternate.

22 On motion we dispense with reading of the minutes of this session.

Is there any further business? None.

Song, 188 Primitive Hymns.

Prayer by A. C. Sidden.

On motion we adjourn until the time and place of our next session

Song, Children of the Heavenly King. During this song there was a handshake. This closed the business session of the 56 annual meeting of this Association in peace and harmony.

ELDER G. W. MILES, Mod. ELDER A. C. SIDDEN, Sec.

Saturday Night

Song, In the Sweet bye and bye. Song, More about Jesus.

Prayer by Elder Roten. First sermon by Elder A. C. Walker. Text, [Matt.] 3: 2, 3, Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

"We need more 'fruits, meats for repentance' in our country" said Eld. Walker. He then spoke of the fruits of the Christian life; admonishing the people to look to God rather than man.

Second sermon by Eld. A. C. Sidden. Text, Deut. 33: 27: The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy before thee; and shall say destroy them.

Elder Sidden made an appeal for optimism and faith rather than pessimism. Instances of the unfailing refuge of the eternal God.

1 Case of Daniel. As in the case of Daniel, angels watch about them that fear Him and delivereth them.

2 Case of the three Hebrew children. In an able way Eld Sidden brought forth Biblical proof to show that the eternal God is the refuge of them that fear and serve Him, and unlimited reach of the everlasting arms. Elder Sidden pictured the final triumph and joys of the Christian, appealing to others to join in living the Christian life and lean on the everlasting arms.

Closing remarks by Eld. G. W. Miles. "Not the hearer of the word but the doer to be justified", said Elder Miles Explanation of the two deaths. Description of the Christain. A child is born in a state of innocency, but after growing and going into sin it is necessary that the individual be again restored to a state of innocency by the application of the blood of Christ. "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again", quoted Eld. Miles. The marvelous riches of the Christian through the great sacrifice of the

Saviour.

Hymn and adjournment. —Clyde Venable, Sec. pro tem.

Sunday Morning, 10: 30 A. M.

Song, Amazing Grace. Hymn No. 4, Primitive Hymns. Elder J. M. Owens introduced Hymn No. 339 as an opening hymn.

Prayer by Eld. D. M. Dillard.

1st. Sermon by Elder Wiley Combs. Text, Matt. 16: 18, 19: And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, etc.

Elder Combs gave pictures or types, taken from the Bible, of how a Christian and a church is made.

2nd. Sermon by Eld. Milton McNeil, from the Brushy Mountain association. Text, Matt. 24: 44 : Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Enough was said in this sermon, so that if all that were present would just do what was told them, not one would ever cry in eternal condemnation.

In a very entertaining way Elder McNeil admonished Christians to be ready for the second coming of Christ, bringing Biblical proof that He is to come again in the clouds, at a time when we think not.

3rd. Sermon by Elder G. W. Miles. Opening remarks; Only two classes to talk to, Christian and sinner. Text, Heb. 7 :24, 25. But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

A sinner works all his life and boards himself for nothing; declared Elder Miles. "Two can differ and both be wrong. Two can differ and one be wrong but two cannot differ and both be right," is a thought worth carrying home given by Elder Miles.

He then defined his territory; not out of his territory until he gets out of the world. This sermon was full of Jesus presented as the Alpha and Omega, the only hope of salvation.

Closing service by Elder A. McKnight. The preaching service was held in the grove, and it beginning to rain at this time prevented this old veteran of the Cross from taking a text and preaching, to the great sorrow of many present. Nevertheless he gave a very touching exhortation, called for the song, Fare-well Brethren, and a handshake. Thus closed the fifty-sixth annual aession of the Primitive Baptist Association in love and harmony.

Roll of Delegates

Antioch— T. N. Royal, Frank Royal, Thomas Perry.
Bethany— J. M. Owens, J. O. Wood, John A. Holloway.
Cane Creek— J. C. Felts.
Center— F M Adams, H H Jennings, H E Harrold, J A Robinson, E F Brown.
Double Creek— A C Walker, J E Walker, F C Arms.
Fair View— W L Wyatt, W H Childers, J C Walker.
Garden Creek— F M Brown, L W Sidden, J P Brooks.
Liberty Knob— G W Miles, W H Royal, J N Royal, G M Royal, Charlie Miles.
New Covenant— Calvin Wiles, Columbus Walker, A C Billings, M S Walker, J N Felts.
Oak Level— J M Spicer, J F Waddell.
Rachel— C E Dimmette, Alec Blevins.
Roaring River— A C Sidden, C C Sidden, Clyde Venable, G W Brown, J H Holbrook.
Round Hill— R C Cothren, J T Wiles, Marvin Bauguess.
Round Mountain— J L Wood, H A Adams, J C Elledge, L Wood, L A Brewer.
Zion— D M Dillard, T F Harrold.

Ordained Ministers and P. O. Addresses.

Adams, H. A.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Brooks, J W,	Trap Hill, N C
Childers, W H,	Reddies River, N C
Dillard, D M,	Hays, N C, R F D 1.
Elledge, J C,	Hays, N C
Harrold, J C,	Sheets, N C
Miles, G W,	Miles, N C
Owens, J M,	Hays, N C
Royal, N G,	Gray, N C
Sidden, A C,	Joynes, N C
Waddell, J F,	Traphill, N C
Walker, A C,	Abshers, N C
Wood, J O,	North Wilkesboro, N C, R F D 1.

LICENTIATES

Cothren, Richard,	Lomax, N. C.
Spicer, J M,	Thurmond, N. C.

Obituaries

ADAMS

Joseph Afford Adams was born July 19, 1831. Died November 16, 1923, age 92 years, 3 months and 27 days. He joined the church 50 odd years ago at Liberty Grove. After the constitution of Center church he moved his membership there and lived a member till death. He was married to Nancy E. Adams December 14, 1876. To this union were born 6 children; 5 boys and 1 girl.

Weep not children, my life is past,
Your love was dear until the last.
Weep not for me, but pity take,
And love one another for my sake.

Death breaks the ties of strongest love,
Fills many hearts with grief and pain,
But those who meet in heaven above,
Will never, never part again.

CAUDILL

Walter Garwood Caudill, son of B. H. and M. E. Caudill, was born April 28, 1923. Died Feb. 5, 1924, making his stay on earth 9 months and 7 days.

No flower that ever bloomed in the garden or out in the wild,
Was half so precious to mother, as this sick little child.
She knew by a look at the frail little body and pale little face
That he soon would be taken from her arms to another place,
To the Elysian fields of eternal joys and infinite love;
Where his angel will always behold the face of the Father above

Weep not mother, weep not father, because of his death,
For he's gone where there's no struggle for breath.
When he was here, he was under the appointment of death,
In a world where he must eat bread by the sweat of his face.
When next you see him, he will be in the best of health;
Clad in white, surrounded in luxury and wealth.
A crown on his forehead, equal to those of the angel band,
No more crying but all tears wiped away by God's soft hand.
I know how sad was the parting, how great was the pain,
So prepare to meet Garwood and part never again.

Written for the bereaved mother by A. C. S.

ELLIS

Claud Ellis, son of Smith and Adelaid Ellis, was born about 1893. Joined the church at Piney Grove about 1908. Moved his member-

ship to Round Mountain Dec. 3, 1921. Died March 10, 1924.

Every one that knew Claud believed him to be a Christian.

The golden gates were open,
A gentle voice said come;
And with a farewell unspoken,
He calmly entered home.

ELLEDGE

Bertman Elledge, son of Rev. J. C. and Almedia Elledge, was born August 16, 1894. Departed this life Jan. 7. 1924.

Joined Round Mountain church Feb. 16, 1909 by baptism.

His stay on earth was 29 years, 4 months and 21 days. His last two years he served as church clerk. He was a good teacher in the Sunday school and was an excellent public school teacher for several years.

The dear one from us is gone,
The voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

HAWKINS

Sarah Hawkins, whose maiden name was Harrold, was born Oct. 12, 1840. Died July 10, 1924. Age 83 years, 8 months, 28 days.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church at Zion Nov. 4th Sunday 1882, where she remained a faithful member till death. She was first married to William Brown about 1855. Unto this union were born 2 children, 1 yet living. She was deprived of her husband about 1860 by his death. She married Joseph Hawkins about 1863. Unto this union were born 3 children, two of whom are living. Her last days were filled with pain.

She is here on earth no more,
She's gone to the other shore
To dwell with loved ones gone before.

Written by W. J. M. Harrold.

HINCHER

Freelin Hincher was born Jan. 19, 1880. Died Jan. 19, 1924.

He was married to Sarah Sebastian Feb. 5, 1899. To this union were born 9 children, 8 living and one dead. Three of them have professed a hope in Christ and are members of Cane Creek church.

He professed a hope in early life and joined the church at Dehart. Afterwards moved his membership to Zion, moving from here to Cane Creek and becoming a constitutional member of Cane Creek church,

where he remained a faithful and consistant member until death. He was ordained a deacon of Cane Creek church and served in this capacity until death.

His last days were days of suffering but he bore it with patience. He said he was willing to die and had a hope that he would be better off after death.

A good and faithful brother from us is gone,
We will badly miss him on and on;
Dearest brother thou hast left us here
Thy loss we dearly feel,
'Tis God who hath bereft us,
He alone can all our sorrows heal.

LUNCEFORD

Nannie Lunceford, whose maiden name was Alexander, was born October 23, 1837. Died July 9, 1924, making her stay on earth 86 years, 8 months and 16 days. She leaves two brothers and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Baptist church before the Civil War. Aunt Nannie was loved by all who knew her, and she took great delight in telling people how to live. She loved her church and filled her seat as often as she could. She had the Holy Spirit with her. She took great delight, in her younger days, in feeding the people of God and the poor. May we all be ready to meet aunt Nannie in heaven.

And when we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun
We'll have no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.

Written by Eld. A. C. Walker and D. L. Holbrook.

McBRIDE

Martin Green McBride was born Nov. 6, 1844, and died Sept. 27, 1924, age 79 years, 10 months and 21 days.

He was married to Sarah Jane Harris Feb. 15, 1866, and unto this union were born eight children, six boys and two girls, all of whom are now living.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Swan Creek Baptist church about 1860, but later moved his membership to Roaring River church where his membership remained till death.

His health began to decline several years ago, but his final illness covered a period of only a few weeks, while his suffering was intense it was borne with a noticeable degree of fortitude.

He procured an honest living for himself, and those who were dependent upon him, by hard toil and well laid plans of the council of his own good judgement.

The courtesy and exceptional hospitality shown by him to the humble Christian soldier, and especially the Ministry, made his home a lodging place for these people.

Among his last visits to his home church, during a revival, after the congregation had adjourned, he stopped by the aisle of the church, seated himself and asked those in the house to come near and sing, "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord," during the song he gave us his hand, while tears coursed their way down his furrowed cheeks, and said I cannot meet with you all many more times.

His funeral services were conducted by Revs. A. McKnight and G. W. Miles, after which his body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Roaring River to sleep till the last trumpet shall sound.

Peace to the dear widow in her lonely days,
To the girls, comfort mingled with joy and love,
To the boys, heed the Bible in all that it says
Till you are all taken to the home above.

Fare-well dear father, you are free from all pain,
You can come to us never, never again,
But praise to Jesus, who made the way plain
By his Divine help, we hope heaven to gain.

The circle is broken, the head took away.
May his life be to us, as the sun to the day
To guide our foot-prints in the heavenly way
To the re-union in everlasting day.

Written by G. W. Miles.

MILES

Margaret Miles, (whose maiden name was Roberts) was born March 20, 1839, and departed this life February 25, 1924. Age 84 years, 11 months and 5 days, this being the same age of her husband (the late Eld. William Miles) at the time of his death.

She professed a hope in Christ more than three score years ago and joined Woodruff Baptist church, but later became a constitutional member of Liberty Knob church where her membership remained till death.

She was the mother of nine children, six of whom are now living.

She was courteous, kind and cheerful and along the lines of industry and efforts to provide the necessaries of life for the benefit of her

family had few peers in this vicinity.

She endeavored by upright living and parental admonition to put indelibly in the minds of her children and the young of the community, the beauties of obedience to parents, the building of inflexidle character and a full submission to Divine leadership.

Her last days were days of much suffering, but borne patiently.

On the day mentioned above, a few hours after the luminary had gone behind the western hills, the sun of her life went down, the pendulum of life stood still.

Her burial services were conducted by Elds. A. McKnight and A. F. Walker, after which her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Woodruff church.

Farewell dear mother till the trump shall sound
To awake the dead that sleep under ground,
Then up from the grave your body shall rise
And soar to Jesus, your Lord, in the skies.
Your counsels and prayers, your life and tears
Will revive our prospects and quell our fears
Till we, too, shall fall a victim of death
And conquer all in the last fleeting breath.

TEAGUE

H. F. Teague, was born October 2, 1861. Died August 24, 1924.

He was married to Mary A. Shumate. God blessed this union with five children, four living and one dead.

He joined the church at Cane Creek but later moved his membership to Zion where he lived a faithful member until death.

Heaven now retains our treasure,
Earth the lonly casket keeps
But the sun-beams long to linger,
Where dear brother sleeps.

WALKER

Marinda Gentry, was born June 28, 1843. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the church in early life. She was married to Wm. Council Walker March 10, 1870. Unto this union were born 7 children, 6 boys and 1 girl. She moved her church membership to Double Creek some eight years ago where she remained a faithful member until death. She was afflicted with Paralysis about 2 years before her death on the 24, day of June 1924, when the Lord called her away from her sufferings to the unseen world above to join in the song of redeeming love and never dying Grace.

Her stay on earth was 81 years lacking 4 days. Her husband de-

parted this life July 15, 1915. Sister Walker leaves six children and a large connection to mourn their loss. She was a loving companion, a good mother and kind to all. She did not only profess to be a Christian but lived it, "By their fruits ye shall know them." David said in Psalms 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Oh, how she will be missed! Those kind tender words with a smiling face, we'll hear or see no more. Her seat is vacant in the home and in the church that voice is silent. Her departure will cause her teaching to weigh more heavily on the minds of her loved ones.

I would say to the children and relatives weep no more.

Her burial services were conducted by Elders F. M. Osborn and A. C. Walker after which her body was laid in a grave by the side of her husband in the family grave-yard to wait the resurrection morning.

Our sister has left us here below,
In this sad world of sin and care.
Her agony on earth was great,
As oft to us she did relate.
But now she has paid the debt we owe,
Ere long we all, like her must go.
Her heart was full of love,
Her life was full of kind deeds.
To her reward she is now gone.
To rest in heaven above,
Oh, may the Lord prepare us all,
When from this earth the Saviour calls
Our spirits from this house of clay,
To meet the dear sister in endless day.
Near Double Creek church her body lies,
With relatives of closest ties.
But robed in white when she will rise,
To meet the Saviour in the skies.
Fare-well to our mother dear,
If we, thy children faithful be
In heaven thy face soon we'll see.

Written by Wiley Combs.

It is requested that a few lines that her deaf and dumb boy wrote be added to this obituary.

The mother's character: Here was Mrs. Marinda Walker, (Gentry) that great mother on the earth. She did good work in her life and raised her own good family. But (Tyra) I want to tell all of you that mother had a hard time to raise a deaf, mute boy. And she

did well with me, very good until I am a man O K.

Her good character was worth the gold and glory. Now she has gone to the Paradise of God, where Jesus promised to give her a happy home forever. Oh! no more sorrows on this earth. Though I tell her good bye; I will meet her up there when Jesus calls me up there. Now all you must remember her alway and forever. I made this crown an cross of flowers to put on to show beauty. Great praises to God, His blessings are a comfort.

Tyra.

WOOD

Susan Wood, whose maiden name was Brown, was born August 18, 1851. Died December 13, 1923, age 72 years, 3 months, 25 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Round Mountain Baptist church first, then moved her membership to Center Decmber the first Saturday 1916 and lived a faithful member until death.

She was married to Elze Wood June 16, 1871. Unto this union were born four children, three are living and one dead.

Farewell dear mother, sweet be thy rest,
Weary with years and worn with pain
Farewell till some happy place
We shall behold thy face again.
'Tis ours to miss thee all our years,
And tender memories of thee keep.
Thine in the Lord to rest,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.

Constitution

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent in the association, who on producing letters from their respective Churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by aplication and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead since last Association.

Art. 2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right of any church in the Union.

Art. 3. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper decorum.

Art. 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

Art. 5. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates, shall be admitted into the Union.

Art. 6. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in this Association.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the minutes of its proceeding; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

Art. 9. We think it necessary that we should have an Associational fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and these moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

Art. 10. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Art. 11 The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 12. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

Art. 13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

Art. 14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in her Union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Art. 16. The Association may correspond with sister associa-

tions and invite any brother in the ministry, in good standing, or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order, to seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

Art. 17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

Art. 18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they choose.

Rules of Decorum

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except by the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall adhere strictly to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the body for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in the time of public worship.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of orginal sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7 We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Feet-washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement; and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS and ADDRESSES		Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Saturday C.M.	Received by Baptism	By Letter	By Application	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions
Antioch	Dillard, Harrold, Royal	Sidney Royal, McGrady,	N.C.	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	33	$2.00
Bethany	Bryant.	M. A. Blackburn, Roaring River	"	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	$2.25
Cane Creek	Owens & Dillard	A. Absher, Sheets,	"	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	46	$2.70
Center	Dillard & Hays	F M Adams, North Wilkesboro	"	0	0	1	9	3	5	0	2	0	2	132	$4.10
Double Creek	Osborne, Dillard, Walker.	D L Holbrook, Abshers,	"	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	31	$3.55
Fair View	Owens & Childers.	W L Wyatt, Halls Mills,	"	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	23	$1.00
Garden Creek	Miles, Sidden & Pruitt.	J M Brown, Joynes,	"	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	$3.10
Liberty Knob.	Miles & Sidden.	J N Royal, Doughton,	"	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	1	2	41	$5.00
New Covenant	Dillard & Dillard.	M S Walker, Myers,	"	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	89	$1.85
Oak Level	Adams, Bryant, Wood, Brooks.	J M Spicer, Thurmond,	"	2	1	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	64	$1.75
Rachel	Burcham.	C E Dimmette, Roaring River,	"	0	0	1	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	126	$2.10
Roaring River.	Miles & Sidden.	G W Brown, Traphill,	"	1	0	4	10	4	0	0	4	0	1	101	$5.40
Round Hill	Sparks.	McKinley Billings, Lomax,	"	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	139	$3.50
Round Mtn.	Adams & Sparks.	J L Wood, Hays,	"	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	93	$3.00
Zion	Wood, Dillard & Dillard.	T F Harrold, Hays,	"	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	$1.00
		Totals,		13	2		34	14	7	3	22	7	17	1050	$42.32